



Optometry Association Australia Queensland Northern Territory Division (trading as Optometry Queensland Northern Territory)

Special General Meeting

Minutes of a Special General Meeting of Members of Optometry Queensland Northern Territory
held on 6th August 2024
at the Optometry House (58 St Paul's Tce, Spring Hill)
commenced at 6.30pm AEST

The Chair welcomed the members present at the 2024 Special General Meeting of Optometry Queensland Northern Territory. With the quorum present, the Chair, Fiona Moore, declared the meeting open.

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Courtenay Lind, Fiona Moore, Nancy Atkinson, Melinda Toomey, Luke Arundel, Geoffrey Grounds, Jason Holland, Susanne Dunning, Nicole Mountford, Shuvagata Bose, Teagan Lehmann, Natalie Buckman, Brett Jenkinson.

Apologies:

Alex Norris , Ken Bowman

Proxy

Lisa Bekker, Drew Sherwin, Naomi Shannon, Sarah-Rose Lind, Patrick Stockall, Will Chin, Alex Norris, Simon Hurwood, Shannon Smith, Kylie Zaher, Helen Flohr, Brendan Schelbach, Geraldine Bendell, Ann Webber, William Evans, Thomas Moore, Kriti Rana

The Chair opened the SGM and explained the purpose of the meeting to vote on a special resolution to approve a new Constitution for the organisation.

1. Business Arising

The president worked through a presentation highlighting the key changes to the Constitution being:

- The current Constitution needs to be updated, failing to uphold modern standards of organisational governance.

- The proposed Constitution signifies more than just a mere revision of our existing document; rather, it constitutes a comprehensive overhaul
- Removed the historical changes of previous constitutions
- Updating the objects to align with the current operations of the organisation.
- Application of profit
- Allowance for director remuneration
- Moving details of membership criteria to a new Membership Bylaw
- Ethics and Disciplinary power
- Allowing for voting to be done electronically
- Allowing the AGM to be held electronically
- Allowing for circular resolutions by the Board
- Changing the Board makeup
- Allowing for committees of the company
- No longer requiring the OA Board nomination to be an OQNT board member.

The Chair took questions about to the changes:

- The OQNT nomination on the OA will remain until OQNT nominates a person again.
- OQNT hopes people join the OQNT board to develop their governance skills before being nominated for the OA Board.
- If an OQNT board member is elected to the OA Board, we will expect them to then resign from the OQNT board.

2. Special Resolution

The following special resolution was passed above by 75% majority by the voting members:

“That the current constitution of Optometry Association Australia Queensland Northern Territory Division (trading as Optometry Queensland Northern Territory) be repealed, and the constitution in the form presented to this meeting and signed by the Chairperson for the purpose of identification, be adopted as the new constitution.”

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Fiona Moore
President